

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of attaching a load carrier fixing member to a vehicle, the method comprising applying adhesive to at least one of a roof of the vehicle or the fixing member, and attaching the fixing member to the vehicle, ~~for subsequent attachment of~~ wherein the fixing member includes an element on a top surface for attaching a load carrier to the fixing member, and the fixing member comprising a includes a bottom surface for adhering to the vehicle, ~~wherein characterized in that the bottom~~ surface for adhering to the vehicle comprises at least one undercut or dovetail.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surface for adhering to the vehicle is indented.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a load carrier for attaching to the load carrier fixing member is a roof rail or roof rack.
6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the load carrier is a roof rack and the load carrier fixing member is a roof rail.

7. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the load carrier is attached directly to one or more fixing members.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a fixing member trim finisher is attached to a non adhered side of the fixing member.

9. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the fixing member trim finisher is removably attached to the fixing member.

10. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fixing member comprises at least one gap hider.

11. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the at least one gap hider is positioned between the fixing member and the vehicle body roof.

12. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the method further comprises pre-treating the vehicle, the pre-treating including at least one of cleaning a part of the vehicle to be worked on, or using an abrasive material.

13. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fixing member is secured in position using one or more locating members, the one or more locating members being shaped to hold the fixing member in the required position relative to the vehicle roof to receive a load carrier.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of attaching a load carrier fixing member to a vehicle, the method comprising applying adhesive to at least one of a roof of the vehicle or said fixing member, and attaching said fixing member to the vehicle, wherein the fixing member includes an element on a top surface for attaching a load carrier, and the fixing member includes a bottom surface for adhering to the vehicle that comprises at least one undercut and/or dovetail.

15. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the load carrier fixing member is a roof rail.

16. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the load carrier fixing member is a trim finisher.

17. (Withdrawn) A kit for fitting a load carrier fixing to a vehicle, the kit comprising a fixing member as defined in claim 1, and adhesive.

18. (Withdrawn) A fixing member for a vehicle load carrier attachment comprising an adhesive receiving portion and a load carrier fixing portion, wherein the load carrier fixing portion is operable to receive a fixing element of the vehicle load carrier attachment.

19. (Withdrawn) A fixing member as claimed in claim 18, wherein the adhesive receiving portion incorporates at least one recess adapted to receive adhesive.

20. (Withdrawn) A fixing member as claimed in claim 18, wherein the adhesive receiving portion is a locating portion having roof engaging projections, which are operable to locate the locating portion relative to a roof recess.

21. (Withdrawn) A fixing member as claimed in claim 18, wherein a portion of said fixing member is adapted to be hooked under a part of the vehicle roof.

22. (Withdrawn) A method of securing a vehicle load carrier to a vehicle roof using adhesive and mechanical attachment to the vehicle roof.

23. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a portion of said fixing member is adapted to be hooked under a part of the vehicle roof.